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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER AND SOLID FUELS

TO: Executive Secretary, EIC

FROM: Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power  
and Solid Fuels

SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee Annual Report FY '62

REFERENCE: EIC-D-511, 4 June 1962

A. Specific Activities During FY '62

1. Review of Intelligence Product

No activity necessary.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. Research Deficiencies

No activity necessary.

b. Collection Deficiencies

The Subcommittee has in the past reviewed ORR gaps in intelligence statements and decided that there was no specific need to make these into Subcommittee statements on collection deficiencies, unless the EIC specifically so directed the Subcommittee. The EIC did not so direct.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

No activity necessary.

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

No activity necessary.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

No activity necessary.

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Excluded from automatic  
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6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC

None.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

No activity.

8. Special Coordination Functions

The Subcommittee met on 18 February 1962, at the request of the Executive Secretary, USIB Committee on Exchange, to establish a US intelligence community position on the Soviet proposal that the US receive a Soviet delegation in the field of thermal electric powerplants and high voltage transmission lines in return for the Soviet agreement to receive the long-planned US delegation on hydroelectric powerplants and high voltage transmission lines.

It was the conclusion of the Subcommittee that, because of the potentially great USSR technical gain, compared to marginal US technical and intelligence gains, the proposed exchange would be appropriate only with safeguards (such as prebriefing of US nationals who would talk with the Soviets on the production and installation of thermal electric power of generating equipment) which would limit the Soviet technical gain. The exchange has not yet taken place.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee's responsibility continues to remain outside the main intelligence activity in the field of electric power. Research on targeting of electric power facilities is undertaken to a large extent by the Air Research Division of the Library of Congress, under contract from the Air Force. The Office of Research and Reports, CIA, participates in subcommittee meetings of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee and submits extensive reports on electric power to them, but these are also outside the purview of economic intelligence.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

No plans are pending.

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